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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report # 73)  
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch  
SUBJECT: Burning of Barrio of Nanipil, Mountain  
Province, P.I., and Murder of Civilians  
on Titig Mountain.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

Early in the morning of 15 April 1945, six male civilian Filipinos and one woman were captured while enroute from Paceda to Nanipil, Mountain Province, Luzon, P.I., by approximately one thousand (1000) Japanese soldiers who were members of the "Tiger Unit", commanded by a Major SAITO. After being questioned concerning location of guerrilla forces in the area, the seven civilians were forced to accompany the Japanese to Cabali Mountain, where they spent the night (R 1, 2, 3). Early in the morning of 16 April 1945, the Japanese troops entered the barrio of Nanipil and burned the village, destroying about thirty buildings (R 1, 2, 3, 7). Three dead Filipino civilians were discovered in the barrio about a week later. One of these bodies was identified as that of Alico PABLONOT. All three had been shot (R 7, 8). After burning Nanipil, the Japanese took the seven civilian prisoners to Titig Mountain (R 2), forced the men to remove their clothing, and then made all seven kneel at the edge of a precipice with their hands tied behind their backs. While in this helpless position, two Japanese attempted to behead them, one of the soldiers striking the victims across the neck with a saber while the other pushed the decapitated bodies over the cliff (R 3, 4). Apparently all of this group were killed except two. The bodies of four were later identified (R 8). One man survived the attempted beheading (R 2) and one man is believed to have escaped before he was struck (R 4, 10) but has never been found. There is no definite proof that the woman in this group was killed, but the survivor, Juanito ALIMES, heard her scream with pain (R 4). Though her body was not found with those of the four identified male victims, she has not been heard of since and must be presumed to have been killed (R 4, 8).

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が解さるゝ一人の首ヲ斬ラシメトシテ生キ残り(R三)モ一人の首ヲ斬  
ラシル前ニ逃ケタト思ヒテナルガ(R四十)ソレキリトシタタカ  
コ連中、中、婦人ガ殺サレタトイフ確カテ證據アリセシガ生キ残ッ  
タシメトイフメス、彼女ガ苦シキ悲鳴ヲ上デキナルヲ聞キマシタ  
(R四)彼女、死体ハ、四名男子、犠牲者、死体ト同時ニ發見  
サレセシマシガ、以後彼女ニ付キ何消息モナク殺サレタ連中  
ト思ヒマス(R四八)

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